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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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10 November 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Requested GAO Surveys of the NRP

Reference my memorandum of 19 July 1977 which advised you of requested GAO Surveys of the NRP and of our plan to negotiate with the GAO to limit the number of people involved (Attachment 1). We have been successful in limiting the number of GAO members initially involved to two each for the three surveys desired. In addition to the two surveys identified in my 19 July 1977 memorandum, the GAO is currently conducting a survey which addresses the need for the Vandenberg/Shuttle facility. GAO knowledge of NRP payload requirements from the Western Test Range is essential to successful defense of the Vandenberg facility.

Both Secretary Brown and Secretary Duncan have agreed to an indoctrination briefing on the NRP for these GAO members as the initial step in sizing the scope of their surveys. As such, the Special Security Center, CIA, has been asked to initiate clearance action since these personnel would be under the security jurisdiction of that office.


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2 Attachments

1. DD Memo, 19 July 1977,
BYE-13085-77
2. US GAO Ltr, 25 Oct 1977,
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19 July 1977

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This is to advise you of ongoing actions with regard to two surveys of the NRP requested by the General Accounting Office. These surveys consist of:

a. A 7 March 1977 request (Attachment 1) to expand an ongoing survey of the SR-71, U-2, and C-135 aircraft programs to include reconnaissance satellites. The emphasis of this survey, as stated by the GAO, will be on logistics support and operations. This survey is self-initiated by the GAO. It is expected that the GAO will request BYEMAN clearances for six to twelve people.

b. A 25 May 1977 request (Attachment 2) by the GAO to review the performance of DOD intelligence/reconnaissance assets which contribute to the intelligence support of military operations at the theater level. We have been advised that this GAO effort is to include NRP reconnaissance assets. This survey, while endorsed by the Senate Armed Services Committee, is also self-initiated by the GAO. Again it is expected that six to twelve GAO people will be involved.

I bring these surveys to your attention for several reasons:

a. Your authority and responsibility for security under DCID 1/14;

b. The current moratorium on access to BYEMAN clearances;

c. The GAO review of logistics support will involve the [] programs and related contracts which are issued under the DCI's procurement

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The GAO's requests for BYEMAN clearances are currently being evaluated by the Agency. Because of the moratorium on new BYEMAN clearances, however, it is our position, supported by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, that we provide clearances for only four GAO people, two for each study. I will assure that the GAO is informed of this and that the four people selected for clearances are identified to the Special Security Center.



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Charles W. Cook
Acting Director

2 Attachments

1. GAO ltr, dtd

7 Mar 77

2. ASD(C³I) ltr,

dtd 25 May 77

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UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548



LOGISTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS
DIVISION

OCT 25 1977

The Honorable Russ Mark
Under Secretary of the Air Force

Dear Dr. Mark:

The October 4, 1977, letter from the Deputy Secretary of Defense to the Comptroller General of the United States proposed arrangements for briefings of General Accounting Office representatives on certain Defense intelligence programs and specified that your office would make the presentations. We are appreciative of this offer. As a first step toward completing these arrangements, we are enclosing the names of those General Accounting Office representatives who should attend the briefings.

Sincerely yours,



F. J. Shafer
Director

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